

I claim:

1. A method for making an ornamental glass object, comprising:

- 5           (a) providing at least one piece of base glass;  
            (b) providing at least one piece of stringer glass;  
            (c) providing at least one piece of chip glass;  
            (d) providing a heating device;  
            (e) using said heating device to heat said base glass to a first temperature sufficient  
10   to partially melt said base glass;  
            (f) allowing said base glass to cool;  
            (g) arranging said stringer glass and said chip glass in abutting relationship to form  
            a pattern;  
            (h) using said heating device to heat said pattern to a second temperature sufficient  
15   to partially melt said stringer glass and said chip glass, and to fuse said stringer glass and  
            said chip glass together, said second temperature lower than said first temperature;  
            (i) allowing said pattern to cool;  
            (j) placing said pattern in abutting relationship with said base glass;  
            (k) using said heating device to heat said pattern and said base glass to a third  
20   temperature sufficient to fuse said pattern to said base glass, said third temperature lower  
            than said second temperature; and,  
            (l) allowing said pattern and said base glass to cool.

2. The method according to Claim 1, wherein in step (e) said first temperature is about  
25   1549° Fahrenheit.

3. The method according to Claim 1, wherein in step (h) said second temperature is about  
1517° Fahrenheit.

4. The method according to Claim 1, wherein in step (k) said third temperature is about 1443° Fahrenheit.

5. The method according to Claim 1, further including:

5        in step (a) providing a plurality of pieces of said base glass; and,  
         prior to step (e) arranging said plurality of pieces of said base glass in abutting  
relationship so as to form a structure having an aperture.

6. The method according to Claim 5, further including:

10        placing one piece of said base glass on top of another piece of said base glass.

7. The method according to Claim 1, further including:

         in step (g) said pattern formed by placing said stinger glass on top of said chip  
glass.

8. The method according to Claim 1, further including:

         in step (b) providing a plurality of pieces of said stringer glass; and,  
         in step (g) said plurality being between two and about six.

9. The method according to Claim 1, further including:

         in step (b) providing a plurality of pieces of said stringer glass; and,  
         in step (g) overlapping said plurality of pieces of said stringer glass in intersecting  
relationship.

10. The method according to Claim 1, further including:

         in step (c) providing a plurality of pieces of said chip glass; and,  
         in step (g) using said plurality of pieces of said chip glass to form said pattern.

11. The method according to Claim 10, further including:

in step (g) arranging said pieces of said chip glass so that no two pieces touch one another.

5 12. The method according to Claim 11, further including:

spacing said pieces of said chip glass between about .125 and .25 inches apart.

13. A method for making an ornamental glass object, comprising:

(a) providing at least one piece of base glass;

10 (b) providing a plurality of pieces of stringer glass;

(c) providing a plurality of pieces of chip glass;

(d) providing a kiln;

(e) using said kiln to heat said base glass to about 1549° fahrenheit;

(f) allowing said base glass to cool;

15 (g) arranging said stringer glass and said chip glass in an abutting relationship to form a pattern, wherein (1) each piece of said chip glass abuts at least one piece of said stringer glass, (2) no two pieces of said chip glass touch one another, and (3) said stringer glass is placed on top of said chip glass;

(h) using said heating device to heat said pattern to about 1517° fahrenheit;

20 (i) allowing said pattern to cool;

(j) placing said pattern on top of said base glass;

(k) using said heating device to heat said pattern and said base glass to about 1443° fahrenheit; and,

(l) allowing said pattern and said base glass to cool.

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14. An ornamental glass object, comprising:

at least one piece of base glass;

a pattern including at least one piece of stringer glass fused to at least one piece of chip glass; and,

30 said pattern fused to said base glass.

15. An ornamental glass object according to Claim 14, further including:

a plurality of pieces of said base glass arranged in abutting relationship and fused together so as to form a structure having an aperture.

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16. An ornamental glass object according to Claim 14, further including:

said stringer glass disposed on top of said chip glass.

17. An ornamental glass object according to Claim 14, further including:

10 a plurality of pieces of said stringer glass, said plurality being between two and about six.

18. An ornamental glass object according to Claim 14, further including:

15 a plurality of pieces of said stringer glass, said plurality disposed in intersecting relationship.

19. An ornamental glass object according to Claim 18, further including:

20 a plurality of pieces of said chip glass; and,  
said plurality of pieces of said chip glass arranged so that no two pieces touch one another.